



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 11/19/10

Meeting Location: Clark County DCS

Council Members Present

John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager
Joan Kelley, Scott County DCS Director
Patrick Brown, Clark County DCS Director
Jim Miller, Harrison County DCS Director
Debbie Ponder, Family Case Manager, Washington County DCS
Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation
Rico Rosado, Floyd County DCS Director
Amy Asdell, Family Case Manager Supervisor, Scott County DCS
Nancy Lambring, Washington County DCS Director
Lois Nugent, Family Case Manager, Clark County DCS

Others in attendance

Steve Adams, Regional Finance Manager
Lynne Wisneski, Resolute Options & Resource
Herb Hobson, White's Residential
Jana Kixmiller, LifeSpring
Donna Russow, Family & Children's Place
Leah Pezzarossi, Floyd County Youth Shelter
Shay Grahm, CASA
John Taylor, Family & Children's Place
Amy Schneidau, Clark County Youth Shelter
Andrea Donnell, McConn Partnerships
Rosie Morehouse, New Hope Services
Christal Gimmel, New Hope Services
Marcie Ziemer, New Hope Services
Stephanie Stone, Home of the Innocents
Angela Ray, Family Time
Kerin Omer, So. In Foster Parent Support

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by John Kaiser, Region 18 Manager

I. Introductions/Approval of Minutes

John Kaiser welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with introductions. Motion made by Jim Miller to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Amy Asdell. No corrections, all were in favor, minutes were approved as read.

II. Finance Report

Steve Adams, Region 18 Finance Manager distributed the first spreadsheet with the allocations that was divided out to the counties. Page 1 is the entire region; the remaining sheets are broken down by county. He called attention to the first page at the very top under Family & Children Fund. The MRO line will be moved off of the report at some point, because this is handled through FSSA's Mental Health Division. The total amount in the Family & Children box is actually the total of Child Welfare, Probation allocations and Revenue. At this point our net costs are at 35.41%; we are above where we should be which is 33%. Again this year John has the flexibility to work with Steve and the local office directors to move some funds around within the counties. Steve noted that this year we do not have the reserve as we did last year. We ended last fiscal year with 99% of allocations spent, with a 5% reserve on top of that. Keep in mind our budget last year of our net costs were 9.9 million, this year it is 9.3 million. In the total before net last year was 12.7 with 11.5 this year. This does include IV-B flex funds as it did last year. Last year we had a total of expenditures of 11.9 million; this year allocation is 11.5 million. Steve is not overly concerned at this point; however we do need to be cautious moving forward. There were no questions from the council members.

III. Community Partners

Rosie Morehous distributed and reviewed the 1st quarter report for Community Partners with the council. In the first quarter they served 260 families for the Region. She noted they are a little bit lower on referrals this year, but she feels this has to do with receiving better quality referrals. They are continuing to monitor the budget and they are on target with that. They are pleased with the first quarter outcomes. All but goal # 6 has been met, but are working to get this number up. Also included in the report are Referral Sources by the County and Services Rendered by the County. She feels the housing service has increased due to the economy. The last page of the report included the Definitions of Services Rendered.

Lois Nugent asked about the referral questionnaire.

Rosie stated that they have been utilizing what they call the priority referral checklist and they have not gotten to the point of not being able to serve anyone. They have been utilizing that list for instance when their referrals might be exceeding their case management openings. Then they can look at those & determine what families have urgent needs.

Pat Brown asked if there are any referrals other than families that have open DCS cases that would be inappropriate?

Rosie indicated that once in a while they get a referral that has a child on probation & per their standards they aren't permitted to serve them, because probation would have funds to cover services for case management for that family.

Pat Brown asked about cases that involve Adult Probation?

Rosie stated that Adult Probation is fine; they can work with those families.

John Kaiser asked about Public Aide resourcing?

Rosie stated that there would be a lot of referrals for someone who may need employment and they are a high functioning family they would send them to Work One for employment assistance or to some of the temp agencies, maybe they need help paying a utility bill they would send them to the Casi Building for the EAP program or to the Salvation Army for rent assistance.

John Kaiser asked if that is not primarily helping people getting on Food Stamps or Medicaid?

Rosie stated not primarily. A lot of times that goal plays into it, but not that only.

John asked if they are spending a lot of time doing that?

Rosie indicated yes, just about every family is going through that process whether it is applying for disability, TANF, Food Stamps, HIP.

No other questions for Rosie, Community Partners

IV. Prevention Programs

Regional- SIEOC Conference

Joan Kelley stated they are still working with SIEOC for the conference in March. Mary Armstrong-Smith who is the head of Prevent Child Abuse Indiana, is going to be the keynote speaker and she is going to talk about new prevention efforts and some new type programs for prevention. We are looking at workshops being centered around Fully developmental assets, childhood obesity.

Regional- Telemedicine Proposal

John Kaiser stated that we have one Regional Prevent Program to look at today & the council members should have received that via e-mail. Leah Pezzarossi, Floyd County Youth Shelter gave a quick overview of the proposal for Telemedicine. Per Leah they are hoping to start providing Telemedicine-outpatient psychiatric services at their facility. This will help children who are discharged from psychiatric hospitals are able to get their medications will have another option. They have received a grant of \$5,000 for equipment and they have received some funds to pay a case manager. This would be a person who would work with families, call to set up appointments and call for reminders. Bloomington Meadows is their partner for this & they are very concerned about no-shows. In the beginning they will be open four hours per week for appointment times & she is hoping to increase that as they go along.

Pat Brown was wondering about the recent mandate from central office regarding the MRO about how this particular program would fit into regards to that. Under the MRO if we have a CANs assessment at 3 or higher don't those referrals need to be made to a local community mental health center? When kids come out of residential facilities and

go home, I guess you could assume their CANs level has dropped below 3. Would there be that much of a need for medication or medication monitoring?

Leah hadn't really thought of it from that angle. The angle she was looking at is at their youth shelter they see a lot of kids come out of Wellstone or places like that and they have one prescription. They can go to an outpatient facility like LifeSpring who has an awesome doctor, but it can take a long time making a certain number of appointments. She was looking at filling in the gap. She does know that DCS and IARRCA are looking at ways to get more and more of the residential providers to be able to bill to Medicaid. So maybe down the road some time that can be a possibility.

Pat Brown stated that the MRO wouldn't really apply if they stepped down from one residential facility to another residential facility. He was thinking about the community at large. Kids that come out of hospitals or residential facilities and go into the youth

shelter wouldn't be subject to the MRO. If they are at home, would there be that much of a need for medication if their CANs level was lower than 3.

Lois Nugent stated that she could speak to that; she has several kids on her caseload that cannot get into the doctor that needs this type of medicine. It is very difficult & they have lower levels than 3 & the because of the waiting lists it is hard to get them in there.

Nancy Lambing asked if there will be a testing component or will it be an interview by telephone conference?

Leah Pezzarossi indicated that it would be just like going to a psychiatrist in their office. So what ever an outpatient Doctor would do in their office, is what's going to happen.

Debbie Ponder asked if this falls under prevention?

John Kaiser indicated yes. We are looking at prevention of child abuse or neglect. When we did our needs assessment survey last year for our strategic plan one of the identified needs was additional psychiatric services for children. If kids get referred from the school & get proper treatment before a need arises for intervention from our agency then we are meeting a prevention need.

Debbie Ponder stated that her question came up when the referral sources are the local DCS offices, Juvenile Probation & Family & Children's is it going to be open to the general public?

Leah indicated that right now those are the only referral sources. She does have some funds to pay for this case manager. Just to pay for part of it. Schools will be able to make referrals as well. She is not asking this group to fund the entire thing.

John Kaiser stated that we should table this for this meeting. He is not concerned with it not being prevention, he thinks it is prevention program. Child Welfare Service dollars he believes has to be open to the community as a whole. So he needs to make sure we can limit participation to select referral sources. Rather than voting on this & then finding out it isn't appropriate, he would rather do some checking on it first.

Leah asked that John let her know if that is the case so she can take another look at it.

John Kaiser stated that for a number of years we have been concerned about the availability psychiatric services for children especial child psychiatry in the area. This is a way we might utilize some of this problem. This will be tabled until our next meeting.

Jan Kixmiller wanted to clarify that it is true that a child must be seen a certain amount of times before being referred to a psychiatrist, however that policy is not in effect if a child is coming out of the hospital. Even if they are a new child to our facility.

Floyd County Prevention Program

Per Rico Rosado, Director Floyd County DCS has one prevention program they are looking at through Rauch for a Summer Respite Camp. Floyd County has funded in the past. Six weeks of respite services for families with children who have disabilities. The program provides academic skills, social skills and peer skills.

There was no other business on prevention programs.

V. RFP Timeline

December 1st, the RFP's should be posted on the State Website. December 2nd is a State Wide meeting in Indianapolis that providers should attend.

We will need to schedule a February Regional Service Council Meeting to approve final proposals. Normally we don't meet in February. John will get it posted on the website that we will meet on February 18th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. We won't have other agenda items that day.

We have a new Services Coordinator, Kristin Obermeyer. She will be at the February meeting as well. John stated that service providers should be getting contact information for her.

John Taylor asked if there are any changes that we know of in the process and if there are any rate changes?

John Kaiser stated that he thinks the proposals are a fairly easy process now as long as the providers are sticking with the services they already provide. As for the rate changes he did not know that answer to that.

John Kaiser did state that we will be looking for assistance in Engaging Fathers. Three areas piloted that with a grant last year. That is one service standard that has been added.

VI. Other Business

John stated that Regional Service Councils are chaired by the Regional Manager and we need a second chair. John would like to make a proposal that Jim Miller be the second chair in John's absence & would like the consent of the council. There was no objection from the Council.

No other business, meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 18th, 2011 at the
Clark County DCS Office, 1421 Youngstown Shopping Center, Jeffersonville, In 47130.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Teri Lyles, Administrative Secretary